

**Claims**

1. A method of preventing a user from activating a mobile telephone by accidental manipulation of input means of the telephone, comprising the steps of:
- 5       - detecting a change of state of motion of the telephone, followed by
- determining an absence of user-induced activity in the telephone,
- depending on the detected change of state of motion and depending on the determined absence of user-induced activity, activating an input means-lock function in the telephone.
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2. The method according to claim 1, wherein said detecting a change of state of motion comprises the steps of:
- 15       - detecting that the telephone is substantially at rest, followed by
- detecting that the telephone is in motion.
3. The method according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said step of determining an absence of user-induced activity in the telephone includes monitoring, during a first predetermined time period, any activity induced by a user and, when said first time period has lapsed and user-induced activity has not been detected, establishing an absence of user-induced activity.
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4. The method according to any of claims 1 to 3, commencing with:
- detecting a change of state of motion of the telephone, from a state in which the telephone is in motion, to a state in which the telephone is substantially at rest and, having detected that the telephone is substantially at rest, continuing with the steps of any of claims 1 to 3.
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5. The method according to claim 4, wherein said step of detecting that the telephone is substantially at rest includes monitoring, during a second predetermined time period, any motion of the telephone and, when said second  
5 time period has lapsed and motion of the telephone has not been detected, establishing that the telephone is substantially at rest.

6. The method according to any of claims 1 to 5, where detecting motion includes detecting acceleration in any  
10 spatial direction.

7. A mobile telephone capable of being prevented from being accidentally activated through user manipulation of input means of the telephone, comprising means for:  
- detecting a change of state of motion of the  
15 telephone,  
- determining an absence of user-induced activity in the telephone,  
- activating an input means-lock function in the telephone, depending on the detected change of state of  
20 motion and depending on the determined absence of user-induced activity.

8. The telephone according to claim 7, wherein said means for determining an absence of user-induced activity in the telephone includes means for monitoring, during a  
25 first predetermined time period, any activity induced by a user and, when said first time period has lapsed and user-induced activity has not been detected, establishing an absence of user-induced activity.

9. The telephone according to claim 7 or 8, where the  
30 means for detecting a change of state of motion includes means for detecting acceleration in any spatial direction.

10. A computer program comprising software instructions capable of performing a method according to any of claims 1 to 6.